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SUBJECT : Request for Import Statistics

REFERENCE : Case K-1195

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1. Pursuant to conversations between Mr. [REDACTED] and a representative of ORE, it is requested that this office be furnished information for the latest period available on imports into the United States from Russia and the satellite countries including China.

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2. It is also requested that ORE prepare comments on these figures as indicated by Mr. [REDACTED]

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The U.S. imports from the Soviet Orbit, excluding China, amounted to \$69,700,000 in 1949. During the same period, U.S. exports to the Soviet Orbit were \$61,300,000. Thus, the Orbit earned a net of \$8,400,000 in dollar exchange, a great portion of which, together with previously accumulated funds, was transferred from the U.S. to other areas. The USSR had the largest surplus amounting to \$36,000,000, followed by Bulgaria with \$500,000. The remaining Orbit countries showed a deficit aggregating \$28,100,000, a majority of which was financed through the Soviet Union's surplus. For example, substantial quantities of U.S. cotton were paid for by the Soviet Union, although consigned to the Satellites.

U.S. imports from China, which could not be considered a part of the Orbit for most of 1949, were \$98,000,000 and exports \$82,500,000 during the year.

Balance of Payments in 1949

	<u>Imports from</u>	<u>Exports to</u>	<u>Deficit or Surplus</u>
Albania	\$ 2,887	\$ 127,142	\$ +124,255
Bulgaria	1,936,803	1,386,978	-549,825
Czechoslovakia	19,926,651	21,612,316	+1,685,665
Hungary	1,660,257	5,346,681	+3,686,424
Poland	3,135,492	23,141,584	+19,986,092
Rumania	594,492	3,208,042	+2,613,550
USSR	42,420,929	6,463,730	-35,957,199
USSR and Satellites	\$ 69,697,511	\$ 61,286,473	\$ -8,411,038
China (excluding Taiwan)	97,938,160	82,526,961	-15,411,199
Total	\$167,635,671	\$143,813,434	\$-23,822,237

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A review of U. S. imports from the Soviet Orbit during 1949 shows that about 55 percent were accounted for by the following six commodity groups: furs and manufactures, primarily from the Soviet Union (18 percent); animal and animal products, inedible, primarily bristles from China, (14 percent); ferro-alloys, ores and metals, primarily from the USSR and secondarily from China, (7 percent); vegetable oils and waxes inedible, primarily from China, (6 percent); flax, hemp, ramie, and manufactures, primarily from China (6 percent); and tin from China, (4 percent). A detailed list of commodities imported into the U.S. in 1949 is attached.

2. Imports During First Two Months of 1950.

Total U.S. imports from the Orbit countries, including China, during the first two months of 1950 remained practically unchanged in value as compared with the first two months of 1949. However, variations in the value of imports from the individual countries were quite substantial. (See table below). If this pattern continues, it would serve as strong evidence that the Orbit exports to the U.S. are conducted under a Kremlin-directed "plan" for dollar acquisition.

	<u>Jan.-Feb. 1949</u>	<u>Jan.-Feb. 1950</u>	<u>Change in 1950 from 1949</u>
Bulgaria	\$ 394,104	\$ 371,186	\$ -22,918
China(excluding Taiwan)	25,258,924	20,893,808	-4,365,116
Czechoslovakia	3,065,230	5,444,360	+2,379,130
Hungary	425,313	298,332	-126,981
Poland	514,650	1,386,966	+872,316
Rumania	209,295	1,614	-207,681
USSR	<u>5,286,539</u>	<u>6,812,459</u>	<u>+1,525,920</u>
Total,	\$35,154,055	\$35,208,725	\$ +54,670

3. Country by Country Comments on U.S. Imports from the Soviet Orbit for 1949, and the First Two Months of 1950.

Albania: Insignificant.

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1949 - Tobacco constituted the one important import to the U.S. from Bulgaria.

1950 - The reduction in imports from Bulgaria during January and February was primarily in tobacco.

China:

1949 - Chinese imports to the U.S. were substantial. The most important single item (animals, animal products inedible n.e.s.) composed primarily of bristles, made up about 22 percent of the total. Vegetable oils and waxes, inedible; flax, hemp, ramie and manufactures; tin; raw wool; ferro-alloys, ores and metals; and furs follow^{ed} in that order, making up another 40 percent of the total.

1950 - The first two months of 1950 showed large decreases in bristle and wool manufactures exports to the U.S., which more than counterbalanced increases in tungsten exports. Certain commodities of the Chinese origin were imported into U.S. from the Soviet Union.

Czechoslovakia:

1949 - Other than China and the USSR, Czechoslovakia is the only Orbit country with an important trade with the U.S. The most important exports to the U.S. were jute and manufactures; and stones, precious, semi-precious, imitation and industrial. These account^{ed} for about 24% of the total. Glass and products; inedible vegetable products; precious metals, jewelry and plated ware, flax, hemp and manufactures; and furs and manufactures account^{ed} for another 38 percent of Czechoslovakia's exports to the U.S.

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Czechoslovakia: (Cont.)

1950 - The increase in U.S. imports from Czechoslovakia during the first two months of 1950 was primarily in hops, jute and products, and footwear also showed a substantial increase. Sugar beet seeds suffered a definite decrease. Imports from Czechoslovakia are currently investigated by the U.S. Government under suspicion of dumping.

Hungary:

1949 - The only important category in Hungary's exports to the U.S. was animals and animal products, inedible, which constituted 50 percent of the total.

1950 - The decrease which took place was equally divided between aluminum scrap and feathers.

Poland:

1949 - Inedible animals and animal products, and glass and products, composed 25 percent of the U.S. imports from Poland. The balance of Poland's exports to the U.S. were pretty well distributed, with the next three in importance, coal tar products; flax, hemp and ramie and manufactures; and oil seeds, composing only 18.5 percent of the total.

1950 - The increase in imports from Poland was in edible meat products. This counterbalanced decreases in glassware and vegetable fibers and manufactures.

Rumania:

1949 - Furs and manufactures, and fodders and feeds constituted 73 percent of Rumania's total exports to the U.S.

1950 - The reduction in beet pulp imports was primarily responsible for the drop in imports during the first two months of 1950. Lead pipe and bars,

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Rumania: (Cont.)

and feathers were secondarily responsible.

U.S.S.R.

1949 - The most important import from the U.S.S.R., furs, constituted 59 percent of the total. The next, and only other important import from the U.S.S.R., ferro-alloys, ores and metals, constituted 18 percent.

1950 - The increase in imports from the U.S.S.R. was in furs and manufactures. There was also a fairly sizeable increase in imports of shell-fish and products. The decrease of over \$2,000,000 in manganese and chrome imports was thus heavily counterbalanced.

About 20 percent of the U.S.S.R. exports to the U.S. for the first two months of 1950, or about the amount of the net increase over the same period for 1949, were commodities of Chinese and Mongolian origin.

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U.S. IMPORTS FROM THE SOVIET CUBIT IN 1949
(in dollars)

	ALBANIA	BULGARIA	CHINA	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	HUNGARY	POLAND	ROMANIA	USSR
Meat products			816,439	66	18,803	823,697		1,074,098
Dairy products		25,754	462,978					445,962
Fish & fish products except shell			572,723					
Shell fish & products			1,509,191			9,209		71,103
Animal products, edible n.e.s.*			1,995,911			19,452		
Skins and skins raw except fur		98,197	4,473	165,145	11,273	128		
Leather			124,822	1,232,262	555			
Leather, machine & parchment manufactures			4,011,477		99,798	56,695		25,213,148
Furs and manufactures			18,441					
Animal and fish oil and fats inedible			21,063,687	282,720	832,542	419,250	230,507	447,689
Animal, animal products inedible n.e.s.			298,376	170,603			103,441	
Grains and preparations			17,804		34,649	44,000	206,379	
Feedstuffs and feeds n.e.s.			1,711,972	12,749	35,173	87,500		4,708
Vegetables and preparations			946,925	299	135	4,698		
Fruits and preparations			1,185,559	123,661	52,607	6,894		708
Wine and preparations			1,346,697	11,498				
Cocoa, coffee and tea			39,622	27,629	47,414	125		
Splodes			130,365	73,060				
Sugar and related products			145	496,376				
Beverages			4,823					
Rubber and allied gums and manufactures			734,326	4,798	24,478	8,893		782
Drugs, herb leaves, roots, etc.		1,500	458,097	12,737	42,206	187,861		449,783
Oil seeds		201,456	9,663,546		1,706		3,600	269,808
Vegetable oils and gums, inedible			27,780					
Vegetable oils and fats, edible			134,104					
Vegetable, dyeing and tanning material			6,782					
Seeds except oil seeds		6,685	4,695	1,800	64,963	25,741		
Harvey and greenhouse stock			9,222					
Tobacco and manufactures		1,556,413	99,621	1,733,851	22,530	5,901		1,866,128
Stalellaceous vegetable products, inedible			20,961					727,091
Cotton, unmanufactured			711,159	2,929				267,421
Cotton, semi-manufactured			3,219,829	522,300	16,045	324		6,953
Cotton manufactures								

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Jute and manufactures
 Flax, hemp and made and manufactures
 Vegetable fibres and manufactures n.e.s.
 Wool, unmanufactured
 Wool, semi-manufactured
 Wool manufactures
 Hair and manufactures n.e.s.
 Silk and manufactures
 Synthetic fibres and manufactures
 Miscellaneous textile products
 Feed, unmanufactured
 Small products
 Food manufactures
 Cost and manufactures
 Paper base stocks
 Paper and manufactures
 Coal and related fuels
 Stone, lime, cement, gypsum and gypsum products
 Glass and products
 Clay and products
 Non-metallic minerals and manufactures n.e.s.
 Stones, precious, semi-precious, imitation & industrial
 Steel mill products
 Iron and steel manufactures
 Ferro-alloys, ores and metals
 Aluminum and manufactures
 Copper and manufactures
 Brass and bronze manufactures
 Lead and manufactures
 Nickel and manufactures
 Tin
 Zinc and manufactures
 Non-ferrous ore, metal alloys n.e.s.
 Precious metal, jewelry, plated ware
 Electrical machinery and apparatus
 Engines, turbines and parts n.e.s.
 Machinery n.e.s. except agricultural
 Vehicles and parts
 Coal tar products

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	Albania	Bulgaria	China	Czechoslovakia	Hungary	Poland	Romania	USSR
			56,694	2,560,281		5,900		444,435
			7,947,095	1,355,931	1,356	179,493		665,573
			104,685	9		253		7,536
			6,046,407	13,246				3,168
			119,407	135,913	8,168		112	437,321
			3,438,775	848,944	1,358			151,179
			2,482,227	661	986			
	991		1,441,519	9,357	75			
	908		20,838	12,571				
			3,458,003	587,995	5	15		
			280,861	30				
			74				10,362	176
	10		1,503,397	118,115	6,685	226,779		
			2,879					30,523
			40,340	107,897				2,906
	38		111,166	12,132	4	5,889		
			38					
			38,820	409	1			1,081
			5,677	1,921,921	97,122	367,351		156,850
			836,789	42,771	48,001	7,132		539,913
			21,218	96,577		17,010		8,835
	9,144		101,788	2,164,070	4,011	604		
	22		9,870	632	24	986		
			62,375	34,905	7,683			
			4,220,570					7,778,098
			63,954	141,505	73,570	131,084		
			183,972	4,393				
			181,036	5,080	6			
			386,695	33,165			21,726	
			3					
			7,274,614					
			972					
			343,493	151,984	760	8,712		94
			258,638	1,352,699	2,360	3,126		238
			23,521	980		37		
				4,476				
				52,689	215			
	9,200		1,037	149,214	180			
				597,538		218,206		

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	Albania	Bulgaria	China	Czechoslovakia	Hungary	Poland	Romania	USSR
Medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations			968,848		3,576	64,652		241
Industrial chemicals			31,453	928		1,543		363,879
Pigments, paints and varnishes			49	7,200		106,351		
Fertilizers and fertilizer materials			83			322		
Explosives, fireworks and ammunition			1,514,031	18,363				105
Soap and toilet preparations		19,800	92,039	454				6,538
Photographic goods			73,093	9,180	1,225	55,994		
Scientific professional instruments, apparatus and supplies			15	8,825				1,692
Musical instruments, parts and accessories			3,062	146,503	2,698	7,499		6,245
Toys, athletic and sports goods			86,312	66,049	1,165	205		2,118
Books, maps, pictures and printing, n.e.s.		1,215	93,790	68,576	168	20,112	3,117	69,648
Furniture and parts			17	105,840				
Clocks, watches, clock mechanisms and parts			1,575	380	168			5,285
Art works and antiques		3,013	861,495	1,790	19,189	1,880	2,082	4,008
Miscellaneous articles n.e.s.			1,545,114	2,080,276	41,329	23,889	8,176	
TOTAL	2,887	1,936,803	97,938,160	19,986,651	1,660,257	3,155,492	594,978	42,420,928

n.e.s. - not exactly specified.